

**Seattle Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

Rainier Golf & Country Club
11133 Des Moines Memorial Drive South
Seattle, WA 98168
(206) 242-4460

Dress Policy: No Jeans Please

- 5:30-6:30 Social Hour & Networking**
6:30-7:30 Dinner & Announcements
7:30-8:30 Speaker

Menu:

Entrée: Pork Loin
Vegetarian Entrée: Wild Mushroom Strudel
Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

Cost:

<u>Program & Dinner</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Regular/Affiliate	\$27.00	\$29.00
Student/Associate	\$19.00	\$21.00
<u>Program Only</u>	\$5.00	\$7.00

Reservation/Cancellation Policies

Three options:

Use the on-line form
Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645
Email to reservations@aswaseattle.org

Reservation deadline: 5 pm, Thursday, June 16

Cancellation deadline: Noon, Monday, June 20

No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.
Walk-ins are welcome but with no meal availability guarantee.

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Monthly Dinner Meeting

1 Hour CPE

Speaker: William (Bill) Bley, AAP

Topic: Check Processing Rules/ACH

Bill has worked in the financial industry for 30 years; he began his banking career as the manager of operating departments supporting retail and commercial cash management products. Bill's current position is EVP/Strategic Initiatives for WesPay, a non-profit trade association assisting financial institutions and corporations with ACH, check and other payment system education, risk prevention and promotion. Bill is a member of NACHA's Rules & Operations Committee and Arbitration Board.

Bill graduated from Northern Illinois University with a BA in Sociology and Secondary Education. He attended the Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management, the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington and is an Accredited ACH Professional.

Also at the June meeting, we will have installation of the 2011-2012 officers & directors and thank you to the outgoing officers, directors and committee chairs and volunteers – please join us for this special event!



Thank You!

Thank you to the outgoing 2010-2011 officers and directors of the Seattle Chapter for another successful year:

President	Carol Bacon
President Elect	Marilyn Wilt
Treasurer	Rhonda O’Leary
Secretary	Adrienne Lowber
Director, Communications	Nina Buffington
Director, Marketing	Sharon Lee
Director at Large	Sue Tebrink
Director at Large	Cindy Walker
Director at Large	Lindsey Nagel
Immediate Past President	Jo Smitchger

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following slate of officers and directors for the 2011-2012 year who will be installed at the June meeting. Thank you for taking on the job of running our chapter for the next year.

President	Marilyn Wilt
President Elect	Open
Treasurer	Rhonda O’Leary
Secretary	Adrienne Lowber
Director, Communications	Open
Director, Marketing	Open
Director at Large	Mariette Knoblauch
Director at Large	Lindsey Nagel
Immediate Past President	Carol Bacon

As you can see, there are still open spots in the slate. We also need volunteers to work on the various committees. Getting involved at the committee and Board level is the best way to get the most out of your ASWA membership. If you would like to get involved, please contact one of the above Board members or the committee chairs. See the website for contact information.

Calendar of Events

2011:

- June 22 June Dinner Meeting – see announcement on page 1
- June 28 Past President’s Luncheon, Ivar’s Salmon House, 11:30 – 1:30
- July 27 July Dinner Meeting
- August 24 August Dinner Meeting – Joint meeting with Bellevue Chapter
- Oct 24-26 2011 Annual Conference for Women in Accounting, Charlotte, North Carolina

2012:

- May 18 & 19 Northwest Regional Conference, hosted by Seattle Chapter, Cedarbrook Lodge, SeaTac



Thoughts from a New Member

Why ASWA?

In a military family you move around – a lot! I don't remember belonging to many groups when I was growing up, other than Brownies and Girl Scouts. I didn't have much history with the other kids in whatever city or navy base we were living at the time. I wasn't particularly athletic or musical, so I pretty much just did things with neighbors or school friends.

It wasn't until I was an adult that I discovered that groups had a lot to offer. At first I didn't even understand why someone would join any kind of group at all. Later I discovered that people naturally want to get together with others who share common interests, values or goals. And there are times you join a group because someone you like invites you, or even drags you in by your heels, saying "Try it, you'll like it". I have joined groups because of all the above.

I belonged to a backgammon club with others who shared an interest in playing the game, and a social club for tall people who shared an interest in dating other tall people.

I belonged to various groups at my church, with others who shared similar values and ideals.

I belonged to Toastmasters for 6 years with others who shared my goals of becoming an accomplished speaker and evaluator.

And I once took seminars from and became an active volunteer for Context Associated, because a former manager recommended it to me.

So why ASWA? A group where I can't even remember half the time what the initials stand for, other than one of the A's relates to Accounting.

- Common interests: We're mostly professional women and we like working with numbers. Very few of my social contacts actually think of numbers as fun!
- Common values: In the short time I've been coming to the meetings, it feels like I'm with my own kind. People are friendly, polite, and use a type of humor I am comfortable with.
- Common goals: We want to support others in accounting-related professions, including students who are just entering the work-world. We also support each other when looking for new work. The meeting a few months ago had a topic of interviewing, which was of particular interest to me!
- Friendly invitation: Elizabeth Edelen is a friend of mine from the days of volunteering at Context. When she found out I was job-hunting for accounting-related work, she highly recommended ASWA. And no, she didn't need to drag me in by the heels; she just made it easy for me to be her guest at last November's meeting.

So now I'm a new member, reaping the benefits and hopefully giving back in kind. And I'm even getting better at remembering what the acronym stands for. Accounting Society of Women _____? Okay, I guess I need to look it up again!

- Sharon Link



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WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE ARE GOING
The following excerpt is from "Seattle Chapter – 50 Years in Review" 1941-1990
Recollections of Past Presidents

KAREN O. SMITH, CPA 1986-1987

When I was a senior in high school, we were required to write about a future career. My father, an attorney, asked Marguerite Reimers she would give me an interview. At its conclusion, I asked where I could find out what was involved. As a result I ended working in her office four hours a week, after school. After I graduated from Washington State College in accounting, I wound up as an individual practitioner sharing office space with my husband, a structural engineer.

There was no question that I would join ASWA both in Honolulu and in Seattle. Having been a member of the Seattle Chapter twenty-seven years before becoming president, I had seen tremendous changes in the group. Average attendance had gone from 25 to 125 during those years. The focus had changed from opening the doors for women in the field of accounting to encouraging women as they took the next step in their career.

The quality that has remained constant during those years has been the support, friendship and camaraderie that membership has provided. The friendships that I have made in ASWA have been significant in my life.

During my year as president, we were able to charter the Yakima Chapter and hold a joint meeting with the Washington Society of CPAs. Accountants will remember the 1986-87 year as the time they began to deal with the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

The commitment and efforts of the Board of Directors during my year as president made it most enjoyable.

June Anniversaries

The following members have their ASWA anniversaries this month. We're so glad you are part of us!

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| Ellissa Baldwin | Linda Canney | Kathleen Copa | Melissa Deveney |
| Laura Dodson | Mary Fichtenberg | Lia Gredzens | Mary Ann Hardy |
| Elizabeth Hedlund | Dongeun Lee | Jessica Lee | Sharon Lee |
| Marla Murdock | Gabriela Patterson | Rachel Petrich | Laurie Tish |
| Lacy Vong | | | |

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our new members in May. We're glad you've joined us!

Chandanjit Kaur

To help make our new members feel welcome, please seek them out and get to know them at a meeting.



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Announcements

Next Journal Deadline: Friday, July 1, 2011

The Seattle Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants, to serve its members' interests, publishes the *Journal* monthly. If you have news, member news, seminars, community meetings, committee meetings or an article you would like published, attach the file (preferably in Word™, single spaced with no tables, boxes or irregular formatting) and send to **Mary Fisher** at journal@aswaseattle.org.

Send us your **Member News** to be included in the *Journal*. New job, promoted, passed the exam, started back in school, major life events, read a great book? Send a brief write-up to journal@aswaseattle.org.

Employment Opportunities Newsletter will be posted after the dinner meeting to the Members Only section of the web site. You will need your 5-digit ASWA member ID number to log in. Send email to update@aswaseattle.org if you can't find your member number.

ASWA LinkedIn Group. Please visit our [LinkedIn page](#) and join our group to network with other ASWA members. This is a great way to get connected – and stay connected. We now have over 525 members in ASWA's LinkedIn group and several have started discussion strings. If you've not already done so, please consider becoming a member and participating in the discussions. There are new ones almost every day.

ASWA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Society of Women Accountants is to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional, and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

ASWA Claim Statement

For women who seek advancement in the accounting profession, ASWA is a professional membership organization that provides the leadership skills required for success. ASWA provides experienced mentors and a supportive, non-threatening environment to practice business management and establish a professional reputation among peers.